Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, line 1, replace the text before the section entitled "<u>TECHNICAL FIELD</u>" with the following:

-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/785,878 filed 16 February 2001, now abandoned. --

Amend paragraph [0039] as follows:

[0039] FIG. 13 is an isometric view of a further alternative embodiment of the invention similar to the embodiment of FIG. 7 but configured as a Genset generator.

Amend paragraph [0046] as follows:

The general layout of the applicant's hybrid power [0046] supply apparatus 30 is illustrated in FIG. 3. Apparatus 30 includes an external housing 32 which encloses a hybrid power subsystem generally designated 34. The various component parts and features of subsystem 34 are described in detail below. Housing 32 further includes an exposed end panel 36 which is accessible when apparatus 30 is in use (i.e. corresponding to the exposed end face 14 of a conventional battery 10). Subsystem 34 is preferably air-cooled. In the illustrated embodiment, an air inlet 38 and an exhaust outlet 40 are located on housing end panel 36. As discussed further below, hybrid apparatus 30 is configured to ensure that the temperature of housing 32, and the exhaust expelled from outlet 40, is kept within safe limits to avoid operator injury. As shown in FIG. 4, air inlet 38 and outlet 40 may optionally be covered by a conventional grill or deflector shield 78 to filter debris and ensure the exhaust gas stream is ergonomically located for operator comfort.

Amend paragraph [0066] as follows:

[0066] After passing over converter 62, the first substream 100 is diverted through a shroud surrounding reformer 68 to accept waste heat heat Q generated by the reforming process. Reformers 68 typically operate at very high temperatures (i.e. on the order of 600 °C.). A first portion 100(a) of substream 100 is then diverted to fuel cell 60 to maintain fuel cell 60 at a desirable operating temperature (i.e. within the range of approximately 60 - 80°C.). A second portion 100(b) of substream 100 bypasses fuel cell 60 and is used to dilute the exhaust stream as described further below.

Amend paragraph [0080] as follows:

FIG. 13 illustrates a further alternative embodiment of the invention similar to the embodiment of FIGS. 7 - 10, but configured as a portable genset generator. In this embodiment, a standard AC electrical power outlet 126 is provided rather than DC power output 44.